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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

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1. AS INDICATED ROME REFTL, ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE IN ATTEMPTING FORMULATE POSITION IN RESPONSE TO ICRC MAY 17 NOTE ON PRG PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CANVASSING OTHER EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CAPTIALS TO LEARN VIEWS OF ITS COLLEAGUES. ACCORDING RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICIAL, REPLIES TO DATE HAVE LEANED HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF OPPOSITION TO PRG PARTICIPATION OR FOR ABSTENTION ON QUESTION. OFFICIAL RECALLED THAT ONLY DUTCH HAD INDICATED THEY INCLINED TO SUPPORT PRG ATTENDANCE.

2. IN LIGHT OF REPLIES RECEIVED SO FAR, FONOFF OFFICIAL THOUGHT THAT GOI DECISION WOULD BE TO TAKE NEGATIVE STAND ON PRG OR ABSTAIN. HE
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ASSURED US THAT GOI WOULD REPLY TO ICRC NOTE IN ANY EVENT. EMBOFF

REPEATED US ARGUMENTS AGAINST PRG PARTICIPATION AND EXPRESSED
STRONG HOPE THAT GOI WOULD TAKE SIMILAR STAND. VOLPE

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